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Sir:

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Under 35 U.S.C. §120, this application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of Serial No.: 09/671,817, filed on September 27, 2001. Copies of references identified in the Form 1449 as AB-AU were submitted to the Office in the parent application and therefore, only a copy of the document listed on form 1449 as AA is provided in this application according to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). However, Applicants will gladly furnish copies of references AA-AU upon request. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed publications and indicate they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

Applicants have cited for the Examiner's consideration certain co-pending U.S. patent applications that are owned at least in part by the assignee of this application, that describe subject matter related to the present invention. The co-pending applications are listed herewith in accordance with M.P.E.P. 609 III.D which states: "Applicants may wish to list U.S. patent

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